

**REMARKS**

Examination of the present divisional application filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is respectfully requested.

The present application is a division of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/118,930 (the "parent application"), filed on April 10, 2002. In the present preliminary amendment, Applicant has amended the specification to cross-reference the parent application.

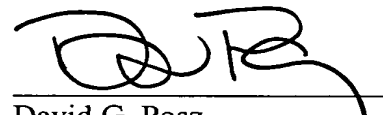
The Examiner should note that the present application includes original claims 8 – 14 and 19-22. These claims correspond to the non-elected Species II of Group I claims that were withdrawn from consideration and later cancelled in response to the Examiner's Election/Restriction Requirement of June 11, 2003 in the parent application. Claims 1–7 and 15-18 were the elected of Group I, Species I claims elected in response to the above Election/Restriction Requirement in the parent application, and Claim 23 was the non-elected Group II claim that was withdrawn from consideration and later cancelled in response to the above Election/Restriction Requirement in the parent application. Therefore, claims 1–7 and 15-18 and 23 have been cancelled in the present application.

In view of the above remarks, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Although no additional fees are believed to be due, permission is hereby given to charge any unforeseen fees to deposit account 50-1147

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